

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. **10/015,564**
Amendment filed July 24, 2006
Reply to OA dated March 30, 2006

REMARKS

Claims 24-26 and 28-58 are pending in this application. The present amendment cancels claims 24, 25 and 29, without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant submits that the present amendment only cancels rejected claims, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.116(b)(1). Upon entry of this amendment, claims 26, 28, and 30-58 will be pending.

The applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added. It is believed that this Amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated **March 30, 2006**.

Claims 24, 25 and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Huang et al. (U.S. Patent No. 3,683,044) in view of JP 08-104738 (see English translation obtained from JPO website). (Office action paragraphs no. 1-2)

The rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of claims 24, 25, and 29, without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application directed to these canceled claims.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 26, 28, and 30-58 are allowed. As a result of this amendment, only claims 26, 28, and 30-58 are pending. Allowance of these claims at an early date is therefore respectfully requested.

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If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the Applicant's undersigned agent at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, the Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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